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SUBJECT: VICTORIA STATE LABOR PARTY (ALP) RE-ENDORSES
WHITLAM MID-EAST POLICY

REF: MELBOURNE 0228

1. STATE EXECUTIVE OF ALP, STORMY PETREL OF WHOLE
ORGANIZATION, MET IN MELBOURNE MARCH 3 FOR EXPECTED
CLASH BETWEEN FEDERAL LL PRESIDENT BOB HAWKE AND

PRO-ARAB ULTRA-LEFT. IN THE EVENT, HAWKE, ON ADVICE,
STAYED AWAY, PERMITTING MEETING TO REJECT PRO-ARAB
RESOLUTION IN RELATIVELY CALM ATMOSPHERE.

2. CLYDE HOLDING, STATE PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION
LEADER, WHO WAS CHIEF DEFENDER OF GOA "EVEN-HANDED"
MID-EAST POLICY AT MEETING, TOLD LABATT DURING
MORNING SESSION, THAT HAWKE HAD TO "DUCK" MEETING IN
ORDER TO AVOID JOINING IN LEFT WING ATTACK, ALTHOUGH
FROM DIFFERENT MOTIVE.

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3. IN RELATED ACTION, STATE BODY ISSUED MILD REBUKE TO ITS AUTONOMOUS YOUTH DIVISION FOR SUMMARILY EXPELLING 31 TROTSKYITES. ALSO PASSED WAS RENEWED PLEDGE OF ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AGAINST INST F PRODUCTS IF FRANCE RESUMES SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR TESTING. IN PROCESS, COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED MOTION TO URGE GOA ACTION, AMOUNTING TO DECLARATION OF WAR ON FRANCE. MOVERS WERE FIRMLY DISSUADED. USUAL BAG OF NOISY RESOLUTIONS AGAINST OMEGA; AGAINST FOREIGN BASES; FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG OF SOUTH VIETNAM; AND, AGAIN INADVERTANTLY, AGAINST MOTHERHOOD. LAST MOTION AROSE IN CONSIDERATION OF HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS AND DELETION OF WORDS FROM BY-LAWS, NOTING ONLY LEGALIZED RELATIONSHIPS AS BASIS FOR REDUCED FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEES.

4. COMMENT: LABATT NOTES SADLY THAT MANY LUDICROUS MOMENTS PASSED WITHOUT LAUGHTER.
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